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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF PLUMBING & HVACR EXAMINERS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room C , second floor of the Cannon Building

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dean Sherman, Professional Member, President
Charles Robbins, Professional Member, Vice President

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerome Todd, Professional Member
Gerard Pepeta, Professional Member
Frank Beebe, Professional Member
John Brady, Public Member
Carol Guilbert, Public Member, Secretary
James Anderson, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bryan Smith, Deputy Attorney General
Shelly Ide, Administrative Specialist II
LaTonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT

Chuck Davidson, DPH

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sherman called the meeting to order at 9:03am

NEW BUSINESS

Backflow

The Committee members reviewed the packet presented by Mr. Davidson.

The committee discussed that Delmarva Rural Water (DRW) has a prerequisite of 5 years, which is the same as requirement of ASSE. They discussed the possibility of having state registrations, license, & renewals. It was suggested that DRW most likely keeps a log of their course attendees & keeps up on the re-certification – every 3 years.

The committee questioned how Maryland handles irrigation professionals. This will be looked into further.

The members also will be looking at the Maryland & Virginia requirements for testers.

Mr. Sherman mentioned that if Delaware chose a few providers (such as ASSE, TREEO, New England) as being pre-approved, then those who want to teach would have to go through those providers to get their course(s) approved. Maryland does not recognize New England.

The committee will be looking at an overview of ASSE, TREEO, & New England criteria for certification, as well as a breakdown of the three different certifications (tester, repairer, & surveyor). An installer must be a licensed plumber. We need to ask ASSE why there's a breakdown of the three categories.

The committee is developing a list of questions to be presented to the Maryland Board.

1. Does Maryland look at the criteria of courses or do they look at the national certification?
2. How does Maryland handle irrigation professionals?
3. Which courses are instructors teaching? & under which standards?
4. Why doesn't Maryland recognize New England?
5. What is the breakdown of (provider) courses?

Continuing Education


Mr. Robbins spoke with New Jersey professionals & will communicate with them to obtain a list of the approved continuing educational providers in the state. Mr. Sherman will contact North Carolina professionals regarding the same materials in that state.

Mr. Robbins will also reach out to PHCC again & invite them to upcoming meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ide'.

Shelly Ide